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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN RE THE APPLICATION FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VIDEO)
SERVICE IN THE STATE OF)
INDIANA BY VERIZON NORTH, INC.)

CAUSE NO. 43185 VSP 01

APPROVED: DEC 20 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

On November 28, 2006, Verizon North, Inc. ("Applicant"), filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") its Application for a Certificate of Franchise Authority ("Application") to provide video service within the State of Indiana pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34 *et seq.*

In addition, on November 28, 2006, *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Information* ("Petition") in this Cause. In its *Petition*, the Applicant indicated that certain information that it intended to submit in this matter contained trade secrets ("Confidential Information") as that term is defined under Ind. Code § 24-2-3-2. Information containing trade secrets is excepted from public disclosure under Ind. Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(4). In support of its Motion, the Applicant included the sworn *Affidavit of Gale Y. Given* ("Affidavit"). A preliminary finding of confidentiality was issued by the Presiding Officer on December 1, 2006.

Based upon information contained in the Application and applicable law, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. **Commission Notice and Jurisdiction.** Notice of the Application was provided on the Commission's website in accordance with General Administrative Order 2006-5. The Applicant requests the issuance of a Certificate of Franchise Authority ("CFA") pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-17 and, therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction over the Applicant and the subject of this Cause.

2. **Commission Discussion and Findings.** The Applicant filed an application for a CFA on the application form prescribed by the Commission and provided information describing the video service that it is proposing to provide in (a) designated service area(s) within the State of Indiana.

Based upon the information provided by the Applicant in its Application, the Commission finds the Application to be complete and properly verified. Therefore, in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-34-17(a), the Commission finds that a CFA for the video services within the designated service area(s) as identified in the Application should be issued to the Applicant and that the Applicant should be authorized to use and occupy public rights-of-way in the delivery of the requested video services, subject to state and local laws and regulations

governing the use and occupancy of public rights-of-way and the police powers to enforce such laws and regulations. The granting of this CFA is subject to the Applicant's lawful provision and operation of video service.

In addition, as a condition of receiving this CFA, the Commission finds the Applicant shall comply with all applicable legal requirements pertaining to the construction and operation of video services authorized by this CFA, including without limitation, the following:

- a. Notice to the Commission of any changes involving the Applicant or this CFA pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(a);
- b. Ten (10) days advance notice to any unit or unincorporated area included in the designated service area covered by this CFA in which the Applicant does not already provide video service, that the Applicant intends to provide video service in the unit's or unincorporated area's jurisdiction as required by Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(b);
- c. Advance notice to customers in the event of a change in rates and charges for video service in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(c)(1);
- d. Advance notice to customers in the event the Applicant will cease to offer video service or any specific video programming that it currently offers in any of the Applicant's designated service areas in Indiana pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(c)(2);
- e. Annual filing, by March 1 of each year, of a report indicating changes (e.g., deletions and additions) in video programming or other programming service during the previous calendar year pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(a)(6);
- f. Quarterly filing with the Commission of updated maps indicating, at the census block level, the portion of authorized designated service areas in which the Applicant is actually offering video service or a statement indicating that no changes occurred during the quarter pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-20(a)(7);
- g. Ensure that access to video service is not denied to any group of potential residential video subscribers because of the income of the residents of the local area in which such group resides in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-34-28(b) and 47 USC § 541(a)(3);
- h. Payment and performance of any rights, duties, and obligations owed to any private person as required by Ind. Code § 8-1-34-22(c);
- i. Payment of all fees owed to units and unincorporated areas included within Applicant's service area as required by Ind. Code § 8-1-34-24; and

- j. Compliance with any requirements that may be imposed by the Commission regarding channels for public, educational and governmental programming ("PEG Channels") as set forth in Ind. Code §§ 8-1-34-25, 26, 26.5, and 27 that may be required at the time of, or subsequent to, issuance of the Certificate by Commission rules, upon petition of a unit or an unincorporated area included in the Applicant's designated service area or upon the Commission's own motion.

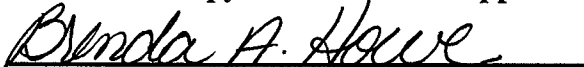
Finally, pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-29 and 5-14-3-4, the Commission finds that the information submitted by the Applicant in a sealed envelope in accordance with the Presiding Officer's December 1, 2006 Docket Entry, constitutes confidential, trade secret information entitled to confidential treatment by the Commission and should be excepted from public disclosure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. Subject to the Findings set forth in this Order, the Applicant, Verizon North, Inc., is hereby granted a Certificate of Franchise Authority to provide the requested video services in the Applicant's designated service areas within the State of Indiana.
2. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-34-17(a)(2), Applicant is granted authority to use and occupy public rights-of-way, subject to state and local laws and regulations and the police powers of local units to enforce such local laws governing the use and occupancy of public rights-of-way.
3. The authority granted in Order paragraphs 1 and 2 above is subject to the Applicant's lawful provision and operation of the video service.
4. The Confidential Information filed by the Applicant constitutes confidential information and shall continue to be treated by the Commission as such and excepted from public disclosure.
5. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

HARDY, LANDIS, SERVER, and ZIEGNER CONCUR:
APPROVED: DEC 20 2006

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**



Brenda A. Howe
Executive Secretary to the Commission